

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) The A specially processed extract of *Radix Stephaniae tetrandrae* (SPRST) comprising ~~contains~~ tetrandrine (Tet), fangchinoline (Fan), cyclanoline (Cyc) oblongine (Obl) alkaloids and other compounds with biological activity.

2. (Withdrawn) A assay specially processed extract of *Radix Stephaniae tetrandrae* (SPRST) methods,

Standard solution, an accurately weighed amount of the four standard alkaloids, tetrandrine, fangchinoline, cyclanoline and oblongine were dissolved in MeOH;

Calibration curves were established based on five points covering a concentration range of 12.5-250µg/ml for tetrandrine, 12.5-250µg/ml for fangchinoline, 163.7-1637.5µg/ml for cyclanoline, 145-1450µg/ml for oblongine;

Standard solution (20µl) were used for HPLC injections (n=5). Calibration graphs were plotted subsequent to linear regression analysis of the peak area with concentrations.

3. (Currently amended) The A specially processed extract of *Radix Stephaniae tetrandrae* (SPRST) comprising ~~is a pharmaceutical compound mixture with anti-inflammatory effects that contains alkaloids such as~~ tetrandrine (Tet), fangchinoline (Fan), cyclanoline (Cyc), and oblongine (Obl), other compounds with biological activity ~~as its main components. Various and optionally containing~~ diluents and and/or excipients, wherein the extract has anti-inflammatory activity ~~could be included in SPRST preparation when necessary.~~

4.(Currently amended) The A specially processed extract of *Radix Stephaniae tetrandrae* (SPRST), ~~a pharmaceutical compound mixture displaying protective effect against ischaemic-reperfusion injury, features~~ comprising alkaloids as its main components including tetrandrine

(Tet), fangchinoline (Fan), cyclanoline (Cyc), and oblongine (Obl), other compounds with biological activity and optionally containing ~~Various~~ diluents and/or ~~and~~ excipients wherein the extract has protective activity against ischaemic-reperfusion injury ~~could be included in SPRST when necessary.~~